THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The 44th CII Business outlook Survey relates to the actual performance of the Indian Industry during April-September, 1995 and the forecast for October-March, 1995-96 which covers 271 companies across a spectrum of industry groups both in public and private sectors. The Survey, inter alia, states that infrastructural constraints remain a major bottleneck affecting the overall performance of the industry. Some of the major infrastructural bottlenecks faced by the respondents are in the area of power, roads, telecom, ports and railways.

(c) Remedial steps are taken by the Government on a continuous basis to remove bottlenecks in various sectors of infrastructure through coordination among different Ministries/agencies concerned.

Shortage of Medicines in CGHS Homoeopathic Dispensaries

2574. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CGHS Homoeopathic Dispensaries/Units in Delhi are facing shortage of large number of important medicines;

(b) the names of the Mother Tinctures, Eye Drops, Ointments, Tonics and oils not available in these dispensaries since the last six months, dispensary-wise;

(c) whether Local Purchase of Medicine system also does not exist in these Homoeopathic Dispensaries; and

(d) if so, the corrective measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) Generally there is no shortage of important Homoeopathic medicines, as no such complaint has been received from the Dispensary/Units functioning under Central Government Health Scheme (Delhi).

(b) There is no shortage of Mother Tinctures, Ointments, Tonics, and oil in the Central Government Health Scheme dispensaries/Units.

However, there is shortage of Enphersia Eye Drops/C.M.S. for the last six months due to non-supply of the Medicines from the manufactures, C.M.S. Eye drop has not became available in the dispenseries/units from the last week of September, 1995. Euphersia Eye drop has not been supplied by the firm.

(c) and (d) Homoeopathic Medicines are also being purchased locally through Homocopathic Store Depot, and one local chemist (L.R. Bhandari & Sons) who is authorised for supply to 13 dispensaries/ units.

Industrial growth centre in Kesinga, Orissa

2575. SHRI BASANT KUMAR DAS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Industrial Growth Centres were proposed to be set up in Orissa with an allocation of Rs. 50 lakhs each in the 80s;

(b) whether it is a fact that the industrial growth centre proposed to be set up at Kesinga in Kalahandi district was not provided with this allocation; and

(c) the reason for the non-allocation and whether Government will consider re-allocation of this fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Under the Growth Centre Scheme, 1988 four (4) growth centres are proposed to be set up in Orissa at estimated cost of about Rs. 25-30 crores each. A sum of Rs. 50 lakhs each was released during the year 1991-92 towards three growth centres proposed at

(1) Chhatrapur (Distt. Ganjam), (2) Duburi (Distt. Jaipur), and (3) Chipilima (Distt. Sambalpur) on provisional basis. This amount could be utilised by the implementing agency for establishment of Growth Centres only after the Project Reports submitted by the State Government for these growth centres were finally approved by the Government of India.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. As per the guidelines issued on this Growth Centre Scheme, the first instalment of Rs. 50 lakhs is to be released on final approval of the project report. In the initial stage (1990-91 and 1991-92), the first instalment of Rs. 50 lakhs each was released on provisional basis for 33 growth centres, including the three growth centres of Orissa as mentioned in the answer to part (a) of the Question. The Growth Centre at Kesinga was not identified by that time. Now the release of Central assistance on provisional basis has been discontinued and no amount has been released on provisional basis for any growth centre in the country after 1991-92. It will, therefore, not be possible to release any Central assistance for any growth centre before the project report is approved by the Government of India.

Pending cases in Delhi

2576. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether lakhs of cases are pending in the three district courts in Delhi, some of which are nearly 35 year old;

(b) if so, the reasons of their pendency and the steps taken to overcome the same;

(c) whether one of the reasons for the delay is the adopting of dilatory tactics by the parties;

(d) if so, how it is proposed to be tackled;

(e) whether the involvement of the court staff in delaying the cases is also one of the reasons; and

(f) if so, the number of court staff found indulging in such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) As on 1.7.1995, a total number of 5,72,903 cases including Traffic Challans numbering 2,56,082 were pending in Districts/Subordinate Courts in Delhi. There is no case which is 35 years old.

(b) The pendency of cases is due to various reasons, viz; the increase in the population in Delhi, increase in awareness of Legal rights and strikes by lawyers practising in the Subordinate Courts. The Registry of Delhi High Court has informed that the Subordinate Courts are making every possible effort to expedite the disposal of pending cases.

(c) and (d) The Registry has informed that whenever such instances come to the notice of the High Court, the Presiding Officer is advised to avoid unnecessary adjournments.

(e) and (f) No such instance has come to the notice of the Delhi High Court.

Requirement of electronic voting machines

2577. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many electronic voting machines are required for the whole country;

(b) how many of these are available; and

(c) whether Government will consider using the available machines in the rigging-prone areas like Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Approximately six lakhs.

(b) 1.5 lakhs.

(c) The Government had asked the Election Commission in May, 1993 itself